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Comments on definitions of Economic, Scientific, and Technical Intelligence.

1. It might be well if some of the ideas included in the following definition be incorporated in the definition for Economic Intelligence presented in Attachment A of 19 January 1954: Economic intelligence is that part of the general body of knowledge called intelligence, which pertains to the availability of the natural, capital and human resources, their utilization in production and the allocation of these resources and the products thereof to satisfy human, government and military requirements.

2. OSI might object strongly to the concept that scientific intelligence is a part of economic intelligence. Sherman Kent does not consider it as such in his Strategic Intelligence.

3. The types of technical intelligence which have been included in the definition presented really fall in the category of "military technical intelligence." We, in the Economic Area, are more interested in technology with respect to the productivity and costs (in the "real" sense) of alternative methods of production. Perhaps this definition could be rewritten taking this consideration into account.

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